



# CITY OF SEQUIM *News*



October 2014

## Meeting Dates & Locations

City Council Regular Meeting Transit Center	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Study Session Transit Center (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Transit Center	Next Meeting October 21
Parks and Recreation Board PW—615 N. 5th Ave.	2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Transit Center Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 12 10:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Transit Center Conf. Room	3rd Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

## When Do You Need a Building Permit?

Many Sequim residents may not be sure whether or not they need a building permit when they begin a new construction project or remodel.



Section 105.1 of the 2012 International Building Code gives us direction as to when a building permit is required. It states, ***“Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.”***

The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.27 is the State Building Code and it directs municipalities to adopt the most current editions of building codes. These international codes change every 3 years and are amended accordingly by the Washington State Building Code Council. The City of Sequim adopts these codes under Sequim Municipal Code 15.04.

This is a very broad requirement and the City Building Department encourages you to contact us if you have any questions about building permits and the requirements to obtain one. Our office is currently located at 615 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and our phone number is 683-4908.

## Welcome New Hire!

Charisse Deschenes—Senior Planner 9/16

## Upcoming Public Hearings

**October 13—1)** Setting Utility Rate Structure

## Thank You to All National Day of Service Participants!

The City made great progress on the parking strips along Blake Avenue and at Gerhardt Park. The hard work is very much appreciated!

## 2015 Budget Presented to City Council

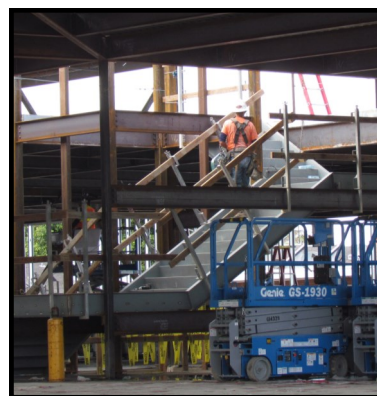
City Manager Steve Burkett presented the proposed 2015 budget to the City Council on September 29, 2014. The proposed budget will be posted on the City's website by October 6, 2014. Budget presentations to the City Council are currently scheduled on the following dates. All meetings are at the Sequim Transit Center, 190 W. Cedar St. Visit [www.sequimwa.gov](http://www.sequimwa.gov) for meeting updates.

**October 13 & 27**—Budget Review

**November 10**—Public Hearing on Property Tax, Revenues, Fees, and Utility Rates

**November 24**—City Council Adopts 2015 Budget & Property Tax Levy, Revenues, Fees, and Utility Rates

## Crews Install the Main Staircase at the New Civic Center



Construction crews have installed the main staircase in the new Civic Center and are beginning to frame the interior walls. To keep the community informed of progress on the Civic Center Project, the City is posting weekly updates to the City of

Sequim website [www.sequimwa.gov](http://www.sequimwa.gov).

Please contact City Engineer David Garlington at (360) 683-4908 or [dgarlington@sequimwa.gov](mailto:dgarlington@sequimwa.gov) with questions.



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## VOLUNTEER CORNER

### The Guy Cole Convention Center is Getting Refreshed through Volunteer Efforts and Learning Opportunity

The Guy Cole Convention Center at Carrie Blake Park, originally built by the Sequim Valley Lions between 1981 and 1983, is getting a “refresh” to help bring back its vitality and increase the facility’s usefulness to the Sequim-Dungeness Valley community.

Volunteers Pat Johansen and Ken Hays have been soliciting feedback from the community to help determine which aspects of the facility need to be prioritized.

“I have always done fundraising for large non-profits, and when I moved to Sequim I tried to engage in those activities again. I found the toughest problem here was access to venues that could support large events and fundraisers,” said Project Volunteer Pat Johansen when asked what motivated her to get involved.

The project will begin with the East end of the building and include remodel work of meeting and breakout spaces. The improvements will engage the Sequim School District and the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center, as part of a joint program of Sequim and Port Angeles schools. The program provides practical skills and experience for students interested in the construction trade. The students will use the Guy Cole Center as their classroom and do the actual work to complete portions of the remodel. The plan for the remodel was developed and donated by local architect Ken Hays. The City will provide the students’ building supplies out of Lodging Tax funds approved by the City Council for the building improvements.

“To me, the most exciting aspect of our work is the joining of the City and the School District in our renovation efforts,” Pat said.

To learn more about how you might use your skills and past experience to volunteer with the City, contact Volunteer Coordinator Pamela Leonard-Ray at (360) 582-2447 or [pleonard-ray@sequimwa.gov](mailto:pleonard-ray@sequimwa.gov) or City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at (360) 681-3428 or [kkuznek@sequimwa.gov](mailto:kkuznek@sequimwa.gov).



Project Volunteer Pat Johansen

### SAVE THE DATE : A “Kickoff” of the Stormwater Stewardship Project October 28, 2014—9:00 a.m.



Public education and outreach are important components of the Stormwater Stewardship Project. To support those efforts, staff will be based out of the City’s Interpretive Center at the Water Reuse Demonstration Site, located at 202 N. Blake Avenue, throughout the “wet” season on Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and on Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. A “Grand Re-opening” of the Interpretive Center will be held on Tuesday, October 28 at 9:00 a.m.

Residents are encouraged to stop by the Interpretive Center for the Kickoff event or during staff hours, where they may view displays and videos on Bell Creek, water quality, and drinking water aquifers of the area, as well as learn more about “Low-Impact Development” methods for reducing runoff and protecting the environment.

For more information on the Stormwater Stewardship Project contact Ann Soule at [asoule@sequimwa.gov](mailto:asoule@sequimwa.gov) or (360) 582-2436, or visit the City’s website [www.sequimwa.gov](http://www.sequimwa.gov). Sign up to receive emails on project updates at <http://www.sequimwa.gov/list.aspx> (choose email or text notifications for the “Surface Water Management” list).



### “Coffee with the Mayor”

Sequim residents can meet informally with Sequim Mayor Candace Pratt on Thursdays, October 2 and 16, at the Oak Table Cafe, located at 292 West Bell Street, at 8:30 a.m.

The Mayor will be at a different published location each month to meet with anyone who wants to chat, ask questions, express a concern, or make a comment about the City or the community. Please contact Candace Pratt at (360) 582-0114 or [cpratt@sequimwa.gov](mailto:cpratt@sequimwa.gov).



### Attention Local Businesses!

The City of Sequim is developing a Wastewater Source Control Program and will be sending out a survey in late October or early November to commercial and industrial facilities. Visit the City’s website [www.sequimwa.gov](http://www.sequimwa.gov) for more information, or contact City of Sequim Utilities Manager Pete Tjemslund at (360) 683-4908 or [ptjem@sequimwa.gov](mailto:ptjem@sequimwa.gov) with questions.

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